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Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30
Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland
Friday, April 29

9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION (Eleventh Floor). A Registration Fee of $.50 will be collected for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

10:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION (Assembly Room)

Presiding: Miss Janet Stevens, President, MLA

Trustee Co-Chairman: Mrs. Algernon C. Carter, Vice-President, Queen Anne's County Library, Centreville, Maryland

Speaker: Mr. George W. Coen, Trustee, State Library, Columbus, Ohio

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12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON (Jubilee Room)

Presiding: Mrs. Elizabeth Abolin, Chairman, Intellectual Freedom Committee, MLA

Trustee Co-Chairman: Mr. George R. Hammond, President, Trustees' Section, MLA, and Chairman, Prince George's County Memorial Library, Bladensburg, Maryland

Trustee Award: Mr. George Moreland, Chairman, Trustee Awards Committee

Speaker: Dr. Ulysses Lee, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland

RABBITS IN THE BELFRY

3:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (Assembly Room)
Presiding: Miss Janet Stevens, President, MLA

6:00 p.m. EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION for Members and Guests (Jubilee Room)

7:15 p.m. DINNER (Jubilee Room)

Presiding: Miss Nettie Taylor, Vice-President and President Elect, MLA

Trustee Co-Chairman: Mrs. Herman O. Werner, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Library

Scholarship Awards: Miss Mae Graham, Chairman, Scholarship Awards Committee

Speaker: Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf, Director Emeritus, Harvard University Libraries, and International Library Consultant, formerly Chief, Reference Department, New York Public Library.

LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday, April 30

9:15 a.m. REGISTRATION (Eleventh Floor)

10:00 a.m. SECTION AND DIVISION MEETINGS

Assembly Room ADULT SERVICES SECTION

Business Meeting: Mrs. Ruth L. Howard, Staff Librarian, U. S. 2d Army, Fort Meade, Maryland, Chairman

Program: Miss Violet Myer, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Chairman

AGING SUCCESSFULLY: THE LIBRARY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Blue Room CHILDREN'S — YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

Business Meeting: Miss Mary Frances Sheppard, Oakleigh Elementary School, Baltimore, Chairman

Program: Mrs. Emma Bowland, Pleasant Plains Elementary School, Towson, Chairman

Speaker: Mr. Richard H. Donald, Information Specialist, U. S. Department of State

ASIA AND THE ASIANS

Red Room COLLEGE AND RESEARCH DIVISION

Business Meeting: Mr. Robert G. Bailey, Librarian, Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, Chairman

Program: Miss Betty B. Baehr, University of Maryland, College Park, Chairman

Speaker: Dr. C. Vann Woodward, Professor of American History, The Johns Hopkins University

Room 214 TRUSTEES' SECTION

Business Meeting: Mr. George R. Hammond, President, Trustees' Section, MLA, and Chairman, Prince George's County Memorial Library, Bladensburg, Maryland.

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON (Jubilee Room)

Presiding: Mr. Robert S. Ake, Assistant Director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore

Co-Chairman: Mrs. Ann M. Seeley, Chief, Children's Services, Montgomery County, Department of Public Libraries, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Speaker: Mr. Keith Robertson, Writer, Booknoll Farm, Hopewell, New Jersey

AFTER COMIC BOOKS, WHAT? — the Challenge of the Adolescent Reader

Proposed Amendments to the Revised Constitution and By-laws of the Maryland Library Association as Approved at the Annual Business Meeting on April 25, 1958

(To be voted on by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting on April 29, 1960; the complete Constitution may be found in *Maryland Libraries*, vol. 24, no. 4, Summer 1958, p. 87ff.)

PRESENT	PROPOSED
Article V—Executive Board	
Section 1.—The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association and the immediate Past President.	Section 1.—The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, the immediate Past President, the division chairmen and as many councilors as the American Library Association will certify and have been elected by the Association membership to serve as A.L.A. councilors.
Section 3—Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board. . .may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board, except in the case of the President, when the President-Elect shall automatically assume the duties of the President. . .	Section 3.—*Add following. . .assume the duties of the President*: and in the case of a division chairman, whose office shall be filled in accordance with the rules governing his division.
Article VI—Advisory Council	
Section 1.—The chairmen of the standing committees, division chairmen, and as many councilors as the American Library Association will certify and have been elected by the Association membership to serve as A.L.A. councilors, shall constitute an Advisory Council to the Executive Board.	Section 1.—The chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute an Advisory Council to the Executive Board.
Article VIII—Divisions	
Section 2. GOVERNMENT. . . .The Chairman of each division shall be a member of the Advisory Council. . .	Section 2.—GOVERNMENT. . . .The Chairman of each division shall be a member of the Executive Board. . .
Article X—Nominations and Elections	
Section 3.—ELECTIONS. . . .Terms of office shall begin after the last session of the annual meeting. Tally sheets showing the number of ballots mailed, the number returned, and the tabulation of the vote shall be kept in the Association's archives.	Section 3.—ELECTIONS. Add, preceding final sentence beginning with word "Tally": American Library Association Councilors shall be elected for such terms as are prescribed by the By-laws of the American Library Association.

— *Committee on Constitution and By laws*
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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

by Louise Hinkley

Special Services Librarian, Baltimore County Public Library and Executive Director NLW in Maryland

Recruitment emerged as one of the most popular and significant National Library Week trends this year. State Committee Members Dorothy McGinniss, representing school libraries; Howard Rovelstad, college and university; Leslie Rajkay, special libraries and Sara Siebert, MLA Recruiting Committee, worked out some interesting and ingenious projects to present a realistic view of librarianship and "bury the traditional figure of the prim, sour old maid librarian". Recruitment talks, TV programs, window displays, feature articles, and meetings with school guidance counselors are all part of the plans.

A well thought out PTA program for better libraries in Maryland is being furthered by Helen Clark, Mrs. Fred Bull, Mrs. William Robie and Freddie Loizeaux of the State Committee. The February 1960 issue of *Maryland Parent-Teacher* carried a 2-page spread designed to improve the local library situation and three PTA public relations workshops this spring created NLW publicity as the workshop project.

Cooperation with labor groups, arranged by Mary Backer of the State Committee, resulted in an article on library services sent throughout the state to editors of union publications; and a 15-minute talk by William Fullmer and a book exhibit at the annual labor council meeting April 3.

This year for the first time the Maryland League of Women's Clubs headed by Mrs. Harold Folkes and Mrs. Lena K. Lee have planned an extensive NLW program to encourage more reading and library use by members of local chapters.

The Photographic Contest sponsored by the State Committee and the Baltimore Camera Club closed on March 1. Martin H. Miller of Silver Spring won the contest with "Karen in Wonderland", a photo of a little girl absorbed in a picture book. Alice Krieg a 13-year-old eighth grader won the Sunpaper $25 savings bond teen-age award. Presentation will take place April 1 on the Eleanor Arnett Nash's NLW program "Family Reading". Additional TV and news features on reading and libraries have been worked out, thanks to the fine cooperation of the city and county publications.

Throughout Maryland, a majority of libraries reported some type of NLW program. In general NLW objectives are being followed to effect increased awareness of books and better support of libraries. Dr. T. R. Simmons, NLW Chairman for Prince George's County, encouraged formation of a county-wide Friends of the Library group. Mrs. Theodore Low's committee in Baltimore county put up "Get the 'Hole' Story" posters which encouraged passers-by to pull out printed slips to learn about their library system. Among other activities the Baltimore teen-age committee worked out a tie-in with the teen-age boards of leading department stores. Charles County is accepting the $1000 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award of the Book-of-the-Month Club during National Library Week.

This year the State Committee was especially fortunate to have the interest and help of Harold S. Eustis, Baltimore Division Manager of Shell Oil Company, who as State Chairman arranged for two major state luncheon meetings, photographers to cover special events and assisted the library chairman in innumerable ways.

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Active Recruitment Program in Maryland

by Sara Siebert
Assistant Coordinator, Work with Young Adults, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore

The Recruitment Committee has taken two lines in 1960. First, it has contacted all high school librarians in Maryland who attended the three regional meetings sponsored by the Schools' Specialists of the Maryland Division of Library Extension. At the meetings, a plump packet of up-to-date recruitment materials on all phases of librarianship was placed in the hands of each librarian. Included was a brochure prepared by MLA members, called "Sales Talks for Library Science—lively descriptions of the four major types of library work, and some talk techniques for librarians, teachers, and councilors when they present the library profession to high school students." The distribution was followed by a ten minute pep talk on how to lure a teen-ager into library work. The right technique and spirit were featured. The importance of cooperation with school counselors during the career phase of the social studies unit was stressed. National Library Week was suggested as a time and excuse to "feature" lively library activities and recruitment by the "side door" along with a list of other activities.

On the heels of the talk, the Maryland Library Association sent letters to the counselors of each high school represented at the librarian's meetings mentioned above urging them to make use of the new library recruitment materials now in the hands of the librarians. They were advised that the school librarian soon would put a foot in the door and contact them about the social studies career unit and how the library should be a part of that course. If the counselor does not hear from the librarian, the counselor was urged to make the contact.

The college set was the second goal of the MLA Recruitment Committee. Miss Linda Fishman of the Forest Park Branch of the Pratt Library and Mrs. Harold Hayes of the University of Maryland represented MLA at the Professional Women's Tea sponsored by the University of Maryland in March. It is hoped that this same kind of contact can be made at colleges throughout the state.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

by Nettie B. Taylor,
Supervisor of County and Institution Libraries, State Division of Library Extension

Miss Marion Moshier, formerly director of the New York State Division of Library Extension, visited Maryland on March 15-17 as consultant to the committee on area public libraries and the staff of the Maryland Division of Library Extension. Miss Moshier and members of the committee visited libraries on the Eastern Shore and in the Baltimore area. The committee is continuing its work and study and is not yet ready to make recommendations.

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The Howard County Public Library has moved its main library and headquarters from a store building in Ellicott City to a renovated building on Frederick Road and St. John's Lane. Mrs. Burgess, the librarian, reports that circulation doubled during the first month, that many new borrowers were registered. She attributes the increase in use to the more accessible location as well as to expanded and more attractive quarters.

Approximately 500 school librarians and school administrators have participated in the three regional meetings for librarians sponsored this year by the State Department of Education.

The theme of the three meetings was the library in the instructional program and the new American Library Association standards for school libraries.

The first of the meetings was held January 15 at the North Caroline High School in Denton, with Mr. Homer Elseroad, Assistant Superintendent in Administration, and Miss Mary Frances Kennon as speakers; the second, January 22 in Frederick with Mr. Robert L. Amsden, Principal, Columbia High School, Maplewood, New Jersey, as speaker; and the third at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School in Bethesda with Miss Mary V. Gaver, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, as speaker.

A popular feature of the last two meetings was a book evaluation session patterned after the Children Services' Division program at the ALA Conference in Washington in June, 1959. Miss Janet Stevens, Miss Olive Mumford, Miss Ann Seeley, and Miss Elizabeth Hodges served as consultants for these book discussions.

Charles County Public Library Wins a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award

by Edward B. Hall,
Librarian, Charles County Public Library

The Charles County Public Library has been awarded $1000 by the Book-of-the-Month Club. Nominated by the Division of Library Extension in November as Maryland's nominee for the national $5000 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Award for 1960, the Charles County Library was a runner-up among 62 nominee libraries throughout the country.

The first place award of $5000 went to the Preble County District Library, Eaton, Ohio. In addition to the main award, nine supplementary awards of $1000 each were awarded to nine separate libraries including Charles County.

The directors of the Book-of-the-Month Club established the Award in 1959 as a memorial to the author who served as a member of their editorial board. The Award for the purchase of books is made each year to a library (or libraries) in the United States selected by the Book-of-the-Month Club with the advice and cooperation of the American Library Association.

The Award is made to the library or libraries serving a population according to the 1950 census of less than 25,000, or if a regional library, no branch unit serving more than 5,000 the library must be making continuous progress in extending library service and have need of funds to increase the book collection.

One of the most important criteria for the Award is that there must be "governing officials who are actively interested in the progress of the library" and the growth of the Charles County Library is an indication of the support given it by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Library has expanded its services to the community through three agencies: the Main Library in La Plata, the new Glymont Branch in Indian Head, and the Bookmobile. During the period from July 1959 through February 1960 these agencies had increases in circulation which resulted in a 40% increase in total circulation over the same period of the previous year. This was primarily a result of the opening of the new branch.

During the nine years since its establishment as a County Library, the annual circulation has increased from 3/10ths books borrowed per capita to more than 2 books borrowed per capita. From September 1952 to August 1959, Miss Doris Holmes was County Librarian and much of the Library's growth was a result of her capable and energetic administration as well as the excellent work of the fine staff.

Many of the award winning libraries are cooperating library systems, consisting of several separate communities or counties and the judges must have considered such libraries in a favorable light.

In addition to giving service to Charles County, the Board of Library Trustees has a contract with the St. Mary's and Calvert Counties libraries agreeing to share the Charles County Librarian for administrative duty in these counties. Thus, Mr. Edward B. Hall, Charles County Librarian, is the Administrator of the Southern Maryland Regional Library Association. All technical processing and book ordering for the three county libraries is accomplished at the St. Mary's County Library.

Mutually agreeable forms of cooperation and coordination of public library service service are encouraged in order that books and services may be used by people in all three counties and be exchanged among the libraries. The Administrator performs on behalf of the libraries of the three counties all duties required of a County Librarian and devotes his duties on an allocable basis to each county. The last six months has seen the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Association composed of the Presidents of the three Boards of Library Trustees. The Executive Committee directs the Administrator concerning the cooperative activities of the Association.

The Awards were presented on Sunday, April 3rd, the first day of National Library Week, at official ceremonies held simultaneously in each of the ten communities concerned.

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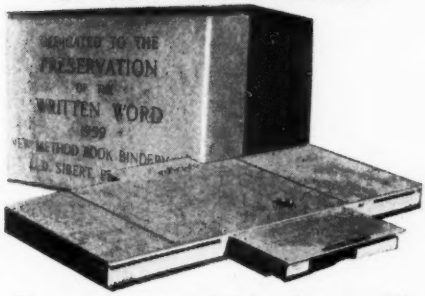

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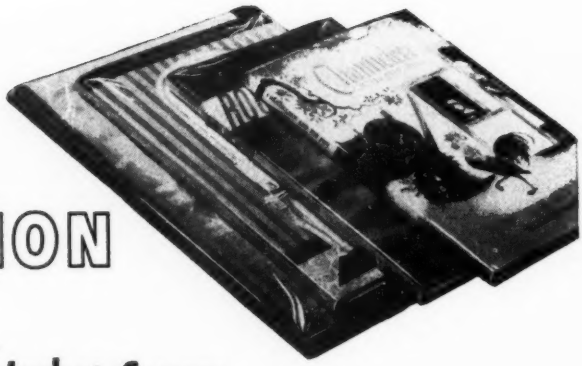

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